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ELECTROLUMINESCENT)
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the office action of December 10, 2002, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-14 and 22-24, drawn to a tetrahedral compound and thin-film electronic device containing a tetrahedral compound; or
- II. Claims 15-21, drawn to a method of making a tetrahedral compound.

Accordingly, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-14 and 22-24) in response to the restriction requirement.

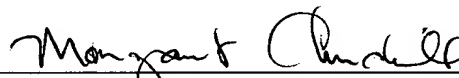
The Examiner further required an election of species for a tetrahedral junction unit, TS, from claims 6 and 7. Applicants elect tetraphenylsilane as the TS from claim 6. Claim 5, which depends from claim 6, does not contain any compounds having tetraphenylsilane as the TS. Accordingly, no compounds have been elected from claim 7.

In addition, the Examiner required an election of species for the optoelectronic arms R1-R4, independently from all the possibilities listed in claim 10. Applicants elect general formula II for R1-R4, which does not contain X, Y, Z or M.

Thus, Applicants have elected species in accordance with 37 C.F.R §1.146, wherein TS is tetraphenylsilane and R1-R4 are general formula II, to which the claims are to be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 22-24 are readable on the elected species.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned.

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